

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/824,769	ITOH, ATSUSHI	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sumati Krishnan	2875	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Sumati Krishnan, PTO.

(3) MARSDON McQuay

(2) Alan Cariaso, PTO.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 24 February 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Yano US 6594143.

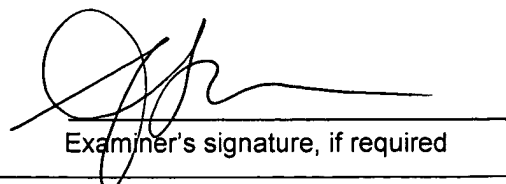
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative orally proposed two changes to claim 1. 1) Removal of "or by being directly threaded" in lines 8-9 of claim 1. 2) Addition of the word "open" in line 8 of claim 1 so it reads "the open thin metallic frame". It appears that amending claim 1 in either of these two ways would enable claim 1 to read over the cited art of record, namely Yano. Applicant's representative will present these two options to the applicant and submit an RCE for further consideration, because a new search is required. .